

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

**Lamps—Street Pavements—Minor Orders—  
Creation of a New Fund.**

turning their attention to business. After several attempts to hold a meeting the Board of Aldermen yesterday succeeded in getting together a quorum and actually disposed of a respectable amount of business. Alderman Ceman, president, was in charge.

temporarily to business, and, although he has been very much pulled down by his recent severe cold, he is nevertheless, even among the first to get out of bed on time. He called the meeting to order at two o'clock, at which all the members were present except the elegant Jerome and solid yeomanry-driving, The Clerk and his deputy—Messrs. Harlow and Tromby—were at their desk, the former assisting in his goatee and the latter smoothing his hair away from

THE PATRIOT IN THE MIDDLE

as his head. The good-looking young man who acts as an official reporter pinched his natty mustache with the thumb and forefinger of one hand, and with the other he held a pencil on which he was scribbling, while his gazed anxiously at the discomfited speaker, who, however, was not to be daunted by the Clerk's desk. The ordinary routine of the business having been disposed of, a number of papers in relation to various matters, among them a protest against the paving of West Twelfth street was

WOODEN PAYMENT.

were read by their titles and referred to the appropriate committee. The order of the day was then read. The following work was ordered:—To set or reset CURBS AND GUTTERS

on the front of the City Bank street, from Christopher Street, block sides of Fifth and Sixth streets to Sixth and Seventh avenues; both sides of Fifth and Sixth streets, from Christopher Street to Sixth street; and on the east side of Chatham square, from Mulberb street to West street.

Alderman Mitchell, who is pushing Alderman Alderman very closely for the right to the title of

THE MOST ORNAMENTAL MEMBER of the Board, as far as good looks and "make up" were concerned, put in a heavy effort to get a large portion of the general order which have been "laid over" for some time, directing that

LARGE AND ORNAMENTAL LAMPS be substituted for the now in use at the corners of Third, sixth and seventh avenues, and Twenty-third street. While Mr. Smith was reading out the general orders Alderman Mitchell chewed up

HALF A BUNDLE OF QUILL TOOTHPICKS. Mr. Smith having finished the reading turned toward the reading clerk, seeing him conversing with Alderman Cuddy, who had gone to the president's desk as if to avoid the victorious glare of Alderman Mitchell's eyes—tapped gently on the

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commendation of the new Commissioners for the promptness they have manifested in placing the

they may have manifested in placing the existing structures in recent order, and in building new temporary docks where the necessities of trade require them. On the other hand many of those who have no direct connection with traffic along the river fronts, or who only see from ferriesboats as they pass, and from the city, are not especially complimentary to the Commissioners and wonder aloud why the Boards of Docks have not already abolished the boards of boards and have in their stead pier and wharves whose

**SOLIDITY WOULD RIVAL THE PYRAMIDS,**  
and with superstructures whose architectural beauty and business capacity would make them marvels of their way. To such as these it is only necessary

The first of the oft-quoted sentence, "It was not by accident that I was born in a day." The manner of men composing the Board of Dock Commissioners and the officers under them give every assurance that the work of moving the docks of the metropolis the envy of all nations. The amount of preparation needed for such an undertaking as this is great and must be carefully made over and completed before the work can fairly be commenced.

**THE PRELIMINARY WORK**

It is now going on quite actively, and in the meantime the business at the meetings of the Board must necessarily be somewhat less than of late, as the interest to the public at large. A stated session was held yesterday, at which an application was received from the Board of Trade for permission to allow the Board to dredge in front of the Battery. In connection, the matter was referred to the Engineer's Office. It was also decided to refer to the Committee, an application made by Mr. Howard Keeler, dock builder, for permission to build a house on the pier between the Battery and the City Hall. This was denied. Commissioner Wood then showed by report of the Auditing Committee that there had been a balance of \$175,000 in the hands of the pier's \$300,00, and that there was now on hand the sum of \$187,965. The amount collected during the year ending last September was \$1,000,000, with a surplus of \$100,000. The same amount will be paid over to the City Commissioners, but is paid over to the City.

The report was disposed of in the same manner, after which Commissioner Wood offered a resolution directing the secretary to prepare a copy of the same for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, requiring the Comptroller to issue bonds to known as

DOCK BONDS

of the city of New York, to the amount of \$250,000, at six per cent interest, to be paid semi-annually. This resolution was instantly carried the yeas, 21, and the nays, 1. The same day the Board of the Economy is used in summarizing the affairs of the department. He was much more started, however, when Commissioner Henry moved to make the sum \$1,000,000, instead of \$250,000. He did not think it was good financing to pay interest on

THE QUESTION OF FINANCING

with the President of one of the leading metropolitan banks, but he did argue that the Board ought to have the money, so that it could be used immediately in buying up the leases of those parties who are now willing to sell, as at some future time the Board could not get them at so low a figure. It is evidently useless to argue, and Mr. Henry's amendment was voted down. Mr. Agnew thought it would be best to

PAID THE INTEREST IN GOLD COIN.  
To this Commissioner Wisen G. Hunt objected he thought the question of interest should not definitely fixed, but should be left open. Mr. New's idea was put in the shape of an amendment to the original resolution, but it was voted down and after some further discussion the original resolution was adopted, after which the Board adjourned.